

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Xiao et al.

Serial No. 09/330,274

Filed: June 11, 1999

Hierarchical Open Security For:

Information Delegation and

Acquisition

2766 Art Unit:

Examiner: not yet assigned

NCI-061

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as shown. If required, an appropriate extension of time is hereby requested.

Please charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-0365. An additional copy of this page is enclosed.